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the South, the first stop of which will  
be at Houston, Tex. Thereafter they  
will visit San Antonio, New Orleans  
and other points.

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setts, sent a message to the legisla-  
ture calling for an appropriation of  
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#### 18-YEAR-OLD BOY RELATES RUNNING GAUNTLET OF WAR

Describes Scenes Attending  
His Escape From Bel-  
gium and Death.

(By Sterling Heilig.)

Paris, March 20.—I write this  
thrilling escape in the exact words of  
the 18-year-old boy who accomplished  
it. His person and the truth  
of his story are attested by Fern-  
and Neury, a prominent Belgian edi-  
tor, who is living in exile in Paris.

The proper names of persons and  
places are omitted so as not to incur  
reprisals on Belgian families by the  
German invaders.

"More than once I asked my parents  
to leave to go away. My father an-  
swered, 'Wait a bit. You brothers  
are in the army and you are all I have  
left. Perhaps the war will not last  
much longer.'"

"On the first of November in the  
evening I began again: 'Father, I  
was 18 years old yesterday. If I  
don't get away they will come some  
day and deport me. I would rather  
take the risk. You are not going to  
make me run away without  
your consent?'"

"My father yielded. We agreed  
that I should leave on the 10th in the  
evening without mother knowing it.  
You can imagine how heavy my heart  
was the evening I left when I kissed  
her as I always did. I learned after-  
wards that she suspected something  
from the way I kissed her.

"Yet I did all I could to hide my  
feelings. My eldest sister was in the  
secret and she stayed with mother  
while father accompanied me from the  
door. Two of my mates were wait-  
ing one of them had been dispensed  
from military service before the war  
because of a weak constitution.

"If I live a hundred years I shall  
not forget it—our dear home in the  
night, the light in the window amid  
the darkness, and father's loving good  
bye.

"To get from Brussels to Maastricht  
(in Holland—less than 80 miles), we  
took 48 days. Ah! I know in and  
out that land of Heve, which I knew  
before only by its cheese. There is  
not a path I have not threaded 20  
times with my ears stretched to hear,  
ready to tumble into the ditch or the  
bushes at the first suspicious noise.

"They assured us that, at Liege (60  
miles), we should easily find means—  
not sure indeed—to get across the  
frontier.

"Alas we lost 15 days in vain, fev-  
erish efforts. No one—except spies  
and traitors—would agree then to  
pass young men into Holland. Three  
of us, three resolved take our chan-  
ces and risk all without a guide, when  
a friend came to tell us that a band  
of some 200 Belgians was gathered  
near a village of the Holland frontier  
—and, at price of gold, had prepared  
a safe escape.

"You know how it ended. Spied and  
betrayed, we were in the evening of  
Dec. 6, up against German soldiers  
posted on the other side of barbed  
wires. It would have been crazy to  
go forward. But how turn back?

"For we saw behind us 30 German sol-  
diers marching up to cut us off. There  
we were, caught in a trap. He can  
I tell you what my heart feels at  
such a moment?

"I would have died on the spot rather  
than be taken. The one of us whom  
we had chosen to lead our column  
lost his head when he saw the Prus-  
sians. I see him still, 30 yards ahead  
of us, lifting his arms and crying,  
howling, 'Comrades! Comrades!'"

"Perhaps the poor boy thought his  
supplication would soften the Prus-  
sians' hearts. Oh yes! They had their  
guns aimed already, I shall hear all  
my life those soldiers' cries, 'Ya, ya—  
kamerades!' they mocked—and the  
shooting began. The Germans picked  
up 30 dead and wounded and they  
made 27 prisoners. Most of these  
were condemned to death, but their  
penalty was commuted to 20 years'  
confinement at hard labor.

"Cavalry and infantry beat up the  
while country until morning, encourag-  
ing each other to the hunt. Their  
cries sounded through the night. Now  
and then a gun would shoot at a fugi-  
tive in a moving shadow. One mo-  
ment there were two soldiers talking  
three feet from my hiding place.

"I stole out of the ditch as soon as  
the fields had sunk back to the silence  
of a beautiful night of peace, lighted  
by a number of stars. By dint of  
running all night long and in all  
weathers, through the byways of the  
farm, I had learned to guide my-  
self. It did not take me much time  
to find the little house in which I had  
rested the evening before, my two  
friends and I, just before we joined  
our column.

"Six o'clock was striking at the  
village belfry when I stretched out to  
sleep, between two bundles of straw,  
in a hay mow that seemed softer to  
me than a feather bed. Soldiers  
came hunting and searching through  
the village. To the bugle's sound  
and with notices posted up, the Prus-  
sians promised 500 marks (\$125) for  
every fugitive that should be given up  
to the authorities.

"Not one was betrayed, not a single  
one. It is not me you must ad-  
mire. Compliments hurt me when I  
compare myself to our brave heroic  
peasants. As for me, I had no choice  
between flight and captivity. But  
they—while I am telling you my wan-  
derings and smoking my cigar, they  
are under supervision and escaped  
and in danger of death. I spied on  
—they stay in prison.

"I risked my life two or three times  
—they expose themselves to death ev-  
ery day. In the worst moments, the  
hope of freedom soon and pride that  
I should be a soldier kept me up. They  
could foresee nothing of the morrow  
but the same insolent mockery of their  
jailers.

he ended by making me understand.  
'Am I on the right way?' He was  
driving away from that village which  
was just on my own way.

"I tried in vain to point out his  
way to him and then offered to sit  
in with him. 'Ya, ya, dankeschoen.'  
And he pleasantly made a place for  
me. Ten minutes later we came to  
the first house of X, and I said: 'Here  
you are!' He took a cigarette from  
a black leather case and I thought  
he would never have done thanking  
me. Blame me if you will, but I  
smoked his cigarette and it had no  
smell of the Boche.

"My companions were at Liege be-  
fore me, after wonderful tramping  
about. Cost what it might, we wish-  
ed to get across into Holland—and as  
soon as possible. Our hurry all but  
cost us dear. A smuggler was caught  
the day he was to have got us across.  
His 'clients' a dozen or so, were tan-  
ken with him. We had promised him  
1,000 francs (\$200.)

"But when we came to the place  
of rendezvous, he told us his little  
troop was too numerous already and  
he could take no more. Imagine our  
disappointment—and yet it saved us.  
We discovered at last a ferryman  
who knew better than anyone else the  
Belgo-German frontier (not that be-  
tween Belgium and Holland). 'I am  
sure,' he said, 'to succeed—but we  
must go by — (also a German  
place on the frontier); if you dare  
try it, I am your man.'

"He knew some German words and  
I was—nothing. But you would trust  
the devil at such a time. It was not  
as easy as we had imagined in our  
enthusiasm, on the strength of his as-  
surances. One evening he fell on a  
sentinel posted in the open field. We  
had to explain to the 'feld webel,' and  
he called the officer—and to the offi-  
cer we told a tale of God the Father—  
(a Belgian expression.)

"At last the Prussian let himself be  
convinced. 'Heraus,' he said. 'Don't  
let me catch you here again!' We  
were then four or five hundred yards  
away from the German frontier—but  
it took us a night and a day more to  
get across. Twice the sentinels fired  
at us. I confess I began losing con-  
fidence. At last, on the morning of  
the 27th, we set foot on Prussian ter-  
ritory.

"On the 28th of December, at 7  
o'clock in the morning, our guide said  
to us: 'Here we are going to cross  
the very carefully guarded no wires,  
but we are going to get in sight of  
sentinels.' There was one sentinel  
every 300 yards.

"Lying flat on our faces in the stub-  
ble, we saw them going up and down  
in their long overcoats, rifle in hand  
The thing was to get silently between  
the two in front of us. We crept  
forward. All at once—'Wer da? Halt!'  
And then—bang! bang!—we were dis-  
covered, and they were firing at us.  
We went back speedily.

"While we were consulting togeth-  
er behind a thorn hedge, our heads  
all on fire, and debating plans, each  
more foolish than the other, we saw  
a peasant (German) walking and  
whistling through a sort of ravine  
between two enclosures. I said to my  
companions: 'Where are we have  
only one thing to do—risk all for all.'

"Before they could stop me, I was  
on the man and the three others with  
me. No one will get it out of my  
head that he saw at once with whom  
he had to do. Our youth and fatigue  
and extreme dejection—did they move  
him? I am sure I saw pity in his  
eyes.

"Our guide asked him, without  
beating about, if there were senti-  
nels still further to the north. 'Come  
with me,' said the man, 'I will lead  
you.' We walked behind him in sil-  
ence for more than two hours. I  
could have counted every beating of  
my heart. At last, at 9 o'clock, we  
crossed over, dying with fatigue and  
hunger. Never did I say my morn-  
ing prayers so fervently.

"In the first Holland village, at the  
inn, they served us a frugal breakfast  
—coffee, bread and butter, and a few  
slices of sausage as hard as a Ger-  
man's head—it cost us 17 francs  
(\$3.40). That was the ending of our  
escape."

#### HOW ENGLAND SOLVED THE GLASS PROBLEM

"All sorts of curious problems have  
cropped up," says Sydney Brooks in  
the March number of National Ser-  
vice magazine, "in the course of this  
house of horrors (the marvelous  
reorganization of British industry for  
the manufacture of munitions of  
war). One was the problem of chemi-  
cal and optical glass. Without optical  
glass of the finest quality an army  
cannot be provided with the night-  
range finders, periscopes, and tele-  
scope sights for the snipers' rifles.  
Without chemical glass, capable of  
standing a very high temperature, no  
explosives works can get along for  
even a single day. For both these  
essential purposes our home-made glass  
was all but useless. We depended on  
Germany for the best kind of optical  
glass and on Austria for chemical  
glass. What did the government do?  
It first commandeered every ounce of  
the right sort of glass to be found in  
the British Isles. Then it ransacked  
America for more. Then it put the  
whole problem up to the men of  
science and told them to discover the  
formulae and the methods of manu-  
facture in use in Germany. The men  
of science entered to their laboratories  
and in a fortnight reappeared with  
all the necessary information."



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81 x 90 seamless sheets, good heavy  
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An Open Letter:

Feeling that a personal word of ap-  
preciation ought to be expressed I  
am sending this open letter for pub-  
lication in the newspapers.

We have just completed a very  
strenuous campaign in behalf of the  
Bridgeport Christian Union. Great  
praise is due the executive committee  
the captains and workers for the  
splendid result of the campaign.  
Though the total amount was not  
reached, we feel that in consideration  
of all the handicaps \$76,000 was a  
very fine showing. I want to thank  
each worker for his and for her  
splendid and persistent efforts, also  
the local papers, every one of which  
has been most gracious and given  
large space to the work.

Frederick Courtenay Barber and  
associates, who conducted the cam-  
paign, certainly did their part in the  
biggest sense of the word.

The managers of all the theatres  
gave us excellent support. The man-  
agement of the Hotel Stratfield co-  
operated and assisted in every possible  
way. The churches once more have  
shown their faith in the Christian  
Union by their works.

Multitudes have given varying  
amounts, from five cents into the  
thousands of dollars, and we express  
our grateful thanks. The amount ob-  
tained will mean the erection of a  
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go we hope to prove to all our friends

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#### MILFORD STATION ROBBED.

Milford, March 20.—That the safe in  
the ticket office of the Milford railroad  
station had been opened during last  
night and Saturday's and Sunday's re-  
ceipts with some tickets had been  
stolen became known yesterday. It  
is thought the cash loss was about  
\$200.

#### FUNERAL DESIGNS AND BOUQUETS

JOHN RECK & SON

#### ITALY TO ADVANCE CLOCKS.

Rome, March 20.—A decree has  
been promulgated directing all Ital-  
ian clocks to be advanced one hour  
from April 1 to Sept. 30.

Frank Koucher, an Austrian, em-  
ployed by the Aetna Explosive Co., at  
Emporium, Pa., is under arrest in  
connection with the explosion on last  
Wednesday, in which six men were  
killed.

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